

REMARKS

The Examiner indicated, "During a telephone conversation with James Ray on 27 February 2006 a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of III, claims 14-22. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claims 1-13 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention."

Applicant affirms that he elects to prosecute the invention of III, claims 14-22. Claims 1-13 were withdrawn from consideration.

The Examiner rejected claims 14-22 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Eriksson (US 5,152,757 A) in view of Lockwood et al. (US 6,685,681 B2).


Applicant finds Figure 15 of Eriksson difficult to follow since only numbers 60, 86 and 88 are described in the specification. It is left to the reader to determine what the other numbers refer to.

Further, The Examiner rejected claims 14-22 as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). Yet the Examiner included a second prior art reference in the rejection.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejection of claims 14-22 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Eriksson (US 5,152,757 A) in view of Lockwood et al. (US 6,685,681 B2).

In the event the Examiner has further difficulties with the allowance of the application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (412)380-0725 to resolve any remaining questions or issues by interview and/or by Examiner's amendment as to any matter that will expedite the completion of the prosecution of the application.

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